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SUBJ: WESTERN ART EXHIBIT

REF: ARTHUR-KEY O-I, JULY 17

1. THE NATIONAL MUSEUM HAS CHOSED TUESDAY, JAN 8, 1974 AS THE OPENING DAY FOR THE WESTERN ART EXHIBIT IN WARSAW. A PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT 1100 AND THE OFFICIAL OPENIGN WILL BE AT 1200.

2. MINISTRY OF CULTURE OFFICIAL MAREK ZIELINSKI REPORTED TODAY THAT BECUASE OF SCHEDULING AND SPACE DIFFICULTIES, THE MUSEUM IN KRAKOW WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ACCEPT THE EXHIBIT FOR SHOWING IN THAT CITY. THE EMBASSY WILL WORK OUT A LATER CLOSING DATE IN FEBRUARY FOR THE WARSAW SHOWING WITH MUSEUM OFFICIALS.

3. CURATOR WILDER INDICATES THAT MANY PERSON IN FORT WORTH ARE ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT COMING OVER FOR THE EXHIBIT OPENING. THE EMBASSY WILL TRY TO BE HELPFUL AND HOSPITABLE TO ALL THOSE INTERESTED IN COMING, BUT WILL APPRECIATE KNOWING THE MAKE-UP OF AN OFFICIAL PARTY SO THAT HOTEL RESERVATIONS CAN BE REQUESTED AND THEY CAN BE CONSIDERED FOR INVITATIONS TO THE OPEING AND ANY SOCIAL EVENT CONNECTED WITH IT.

4. MUSEUM OFFICIALS HAVE READ THE TEXT OF THE CATALOG AND HAVE PRAISED IT AND THE QUALITY OF THE POLISH TRANSLATION DONE BY UNCLASSIFIED

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A P&C STAFFER. THEY SUGGESTED THAT IT WAS VERY HISTORICALLY

ORIENTED AND IT WOULD BE GOOD IF A COUPLE OF PAGES COULD BE ADDED BY AN ART CRITIC OR HISTORIAN DETAILING THE ARTISTIC WORTH OF THE COLLECTION AND DEFINING ITS IMPORTANCE IN THE HISTORY OF AMERICAN ART. WHEN QUERIED ABOUT THIS POSSIBILITY, RPO-VIENNA STATED IT WAS TOO LATE TO ARRANGE FOR THE INSERT WITHOUT GREAT ADDITIONAL EXPENSE. PLEASE DISCUSS WITH WILDER THE POSSIBILITY OF PREPARING SUCH A TEXT AS AN ADDITIONAL PAMPHLET GIVE-AWAY AT THE EXHIBIT. THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THE ORIGINAL CATALOG IS A SUPERIOR PRODUCTION AND SHOULD BE LEFT AS IS.

5. IN EARLY SEPT THE NATIONAL MUSEUM WILL PRODUCE A POSTER FOR THE EXHIBIT AND WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE EXACT TEXT THAT THE AMON CARTER MUSEUM WOULD LIKE TO HAVE APPEAR ON IT. MUSEUM OFFICIALS ARE ALSO ASKING HOW EXHIBIT WILL BE PACKED AND CAN IT REMAIN IN CRATED UNTIL CURATOR ARRIVES.

6. ENTHUSIASM FOR THE EXHIBIT REMAINS HIGH AND THE EMBASSY REITERATED ITS APPRECIATION FOR THIS EXCELLENT AGENCY INITIATIVE. DAVIES

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